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MEETING IN PERSON

The Eastern Student Senate will meet in person Wednesday for the first time since the COVID pandemic started.

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LOSING STREAK SNAPPED

The Eastern men's basketball team snapped an 8-game losing streak with a win Tuesday.

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Lounging in the lobby



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A group of students sit in the lobby of Lawson Hall during the personal wellness day Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday was the first of five personal wellness days that are replacing Spring Break this semester.

Naming Committee to meet Wednesday

By Corryn Brock and Elizabeth Taylor
News Editor and Associate News Editor | @DEN_news

The Eastern Naming Committee will meet Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

During the meeting Vice President of University Advancement Ken Wetstein will discuss a share-point folder for the committee.

New committee member Diane Burns will lead a discussion on survey questions and executive director of the Office of Inclusion and Academic Engagement Mona Davenport and Wetstein will lead a discussion on forum questions and formatting.

Forum dates will also be discussed.

Naming Committee Chair Angela Campbell will discuss a guest speaker idea.

During the last meeting held on Jan. 20 Sace Elder who formerly represented the Council of Chairs in the naming committee asked to recuse herself from the committee due to a conflict of interest.

Elder said she believed there was a conflict of interest because the history department has made clear they support a name change for Douglas Hall.

Elder had brought up the possibility of a conflict of interest previously at the committee's first meeting to begin the discussion of changing the

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Students share thoughts on Groundhog Day

By Heather Vosburgh
Campus Reporter | @DEN_news

Groundhog Day is celebrated on Feb. 2 every year by allowing the groundhog to come out of its burrow and potentially see its shadow since 1887, but its roots date back even further than that.

Groundhog Day originated from an ancient Christian tradition called Candlemas, where clergy men would bless and administer candles for the winter.

The candles were used to represent how long and cold the winter would be that year.

In Germany, the concept of Groundhog Day was developed further when they began using hedgehogs as a way to predict the weather for the future.

German settlers in Pennsylvania continued this tradition but replaced the hedgehog with a slightly larger rodent, the groundhog.

Groundhogs were more common in Pennsylvania during the time.

Groundhog Day is still a big deal in Pennsylvania, especially in Punxsutawney, where the first official Groundhog Day celebration took place in 1887.

There is even an organization surrounding the famous groundhog Punxsutawney Phil called the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club.

Though Groundhog Day is a major event in Pennsylvania, many students at Eastern



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don't see what all the fuss is about, such as Liam Hortenstine, a sophomore accounting major.

"I think it's pretty neat," Hortenstine said. "I don't know if it should be considered a holiday, but I guess it's cool."

Hortenstine said he never really celebrated Groundhog Day, even when he was younger.

"It seems like a very frivolous holiday," Hortenstine said. "It seems like the kind of thing where you just take a day off to take a day off. I mean, there's no real meaning behind it."

Junior communications disorders and sciences student Aysha Hutson said she didn't know that Groundhog Day was celebrated, so she doesn't have much attachment to the

"I think it's pretty neat. I don't know if it should be considered a holiday, but I guess it's cool."

-Liam Hortenstine, sophomore

holiday.

"I think it's cool, I guess," Hutson said. "I kind of don't look forward to it because I don't want to know if it's going to be another six weeks of winter, so I'm kind of indifferent about it."

Brenden Applegate, a sophomore accounting student, says Groundhog Day doesn't matter all that much to him.

"It's just an odd day in American history," Applegate said. "I don't understand why we do it, but, I mean, it makes sense, it's just odd."

Applegate said he celebrated Groundhog Day when he was younger but hasn't much since.

"At school it was kind of a popular thing to talk about and celebrate if we were going to have spring coming soon because everyone hates the cold," Applegate said. "We would just talk about it at school and maybe have some candy and snacks."

Hutson, like Applegate and Hortenstine, says she hopes the groundhog doesn't see his

shadow in hopes of an early spring.

"I definitely want an early spring because I hate winter," Hutson said. "I just don't enjoy being cold and I hate having to plan my outfits around walking in snow. I hate falling on ice because I'm very unstable on my own two feet."

Punxsutawney Phil did see his shadow this morning, which means we are on the track for another six weeks of winter.

However, Illinois native groundhog Woodstock Willie, from the town the movie Groundhog Day featuring Bill Murray was filmed, did not see his shadow this morning, which could mean we might have an early spring.

Either way, Groundhog Day can still be celebrated by cooking some traditional groundhog stew or dirt pie, learning some groundhog trivia, or watching the iconic Groundhog Day.

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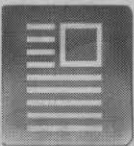


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House Democrats make case for conviction; Trump denies charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump endangered the lives of all members of Congress when he aimed a mob of supporters "like a loaded cannon" at the U.S. Capitol, House Democrats said Tuesday in making their most detailed case yet for why the former president should be convicted and permanently barred from office. Trump denied the allegations through his lawyers and called the trial unconstitutional.

The dueling filings offer the first public glimpse of the arguments that will be presented to the Senate beginning next week. The impeachment trial represents a remarkable reckoning with the violence in the Capitol last month, which the senators witnessed firsthand, and with Trump's presidency overall. Held in the very chamber where the insurrectionists stood on

Jan. 6, it will pit Democratic demands for a final measure of accountability against the desire of many Republicans to turn the page and move on.

The impeachment trial, Trump's second, begins in earnest on Feb. 9.

The Democratic legal brief forcefully linked Trump's baseless efforts to overturn the results of the presidential election to the deadly riot at the Capitol, saying he bears "unmistakable" blame for actions that threatened the underpinnings of American democracy. It argued that he must be found guilty on a charge of inciting the siege. And it used evocative language to conjure the day's chaos, when "terrified members were trapped in the chamber" and called loved ones "for fear they would not survive."

"His conduct endangered the life of every single member of Congress,

jeopardized the peaceful transition of power and line of succession, and compromised our national security," the Democratic managers of the impeachment case wrote. "This is precisely the sort of constitutional offense that warrants disqualification from federal office."

The Democrats' filing made clear their plan to associate Trump's words with the resulting violence, tracing his efforts to subvert democracy to when he first said last summer that he would not accept the election results and then through the November contest and his many failed attempts to challenge the results in court. When those efforts failed, the Democrats wrote, "he turned to improper and abusive means of staying in power," specifically by launching a pressure campaign aimed at state elec-

tion officials, the Justice Department and Congress.

"The only honorable path at that point was for President Trump to accept the results and concede his electoral defeat. Instead, he summoned a mob to Washington, exhorted them into a frenzy, and aimed them like a loaded cannon down Pennsylvania Avenue," the Democrats wrote in an 80-page document.

The Democrats cited his unsuccessful efforts to sway Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and former Attorney General William Barr. Trump then became "fixated" on Jan. 6, the managers wrote. They note that many of his supporters, including the Proud Boys — who Trump told to "stand back and stand by" at a September debate — were already primed for violence.

Pressure builds on schools to reopen

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Pressure is building on school systems around the U.S. to reopen classrooms to students who have been learning online for nearly a year, pitting politicians against teachers who have yet to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

In Chicago, the rancor is so great that teachers are on the brink of striking. In California, a frustrated Gov. Gavin Newsom implored schools to find a way to reopen. In Cincinnati, some students returned to classrooms Tuesday after a judge threw out a teachers union lawsuit over safety concerns.

While some communities maintain that online classes remain the safest option for everyone, some parents, with backing from politicians and adminis-

trators, have complained that their children's education is suffering from sitting at home in front of their computers and that the isolation is damaging them emotionally.

In Nashua, New Hampshire, the school board voted to stick with remote learning for most students until the city meets certain targets on infections, hospitalizations and tests coming back positive for the coronavirus.

Alicia Houston, whose sons are in sixth and 10th grade, said her biggest frustration is "not being able to help my children effectively," even though she has quit her job to attempt just that.

"Watching them become a little bit darker," she said last week. "Watching them fall apart. The emotional and men-

tal health piece is one of the most important pieces. A trauma like this is not something they're necessarily going to recover from right away."

Some families and their supporters have argued, too, that reopening schools would enable parents to go back to work instead of staying home to oversee their children's education.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in a recent study that there is little evidence of the virus spreading at schools when precautions are taken, such as masks, distancing and proper ventilation.

But many teachers have balked at returning without getting vaccinated first against the scourge that has killed over 440,000 Americans.

Kathryn Person, a high school teacher in Chicago, wants to continue teaching remotely so she doesn't risk the health of her 91-year-old grandmother and an aunt battling lung cancer. Person said she trusts the union will fight school officials if they try to punish teachers who won't go back.

"If they try to retaliate, when that happens we will go on strike," she said.

In California, with 6 million public school students, teachers unions say they won't send their members into an unsafe situation.

Newsom, a Democrat, has said he will not force schools to reopen but instead wants to give them an incentive and has proposed a \$2 billion plan that has met with criticism from superintendents, unions and lawmakers.

FBI: 2 agents killed, 3 wounded, suspect dead in Florida

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Two FBI agents were killed and three wounded in a shooting that erupted on Tuesday when they arrived to search an apartment in a child pornography case, a confrontation that marked one of the bloodiest days in FBI history. The suspect is believed to have killed himself.

The violence forced residents in the Fort Lauderdale suburb of Sunrise to huddle inside their homes as a SWAT team stormed the apartment building and police helicopters circled overhead.

FBI Director Christopher A. Wray identified the two slain agents as Daniel Alfin and Laura Schwartzenberger, both of whom specialized in investigating crimes against children.

Two of the wounded agents were taken to hospitals to be treated and were in stable condition, said Miami FBI Agent Michael D. Leverock. The third did not require hospitalization, Wray said.

The suspect opened fire on the agents when they arrived to serve a federal search warrant, George Piro, who leads the FBI's Miami field office, said at a news conference.

"Today this grim reality has taken two of our best from our family," Piro said. "They were valuable members of the FBI and will forever be heroes. We will always honor their ultimate sacrifice."

President Joe Biden offered his condolences during an immigration event at the White House.

"They put their lives on the line and that's a hell of a price to pay," he said of the agents. "My heart aches for the families."

Piro said the suspect would not be identified until his family has been notified. Based on a preliminary investigation, federal officials believe he fatally shot himself, according to a law enforcement official familiar with the matter. The person cautioned that an official cause of death has not yet been determined and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly.

The shooting happened around 6 a.m. in a middle-class neighborhood of single family homes, duplexes and apartment buildings located west of Fort Lauderdale, near the Everglades.

A virtual Legislature: Lawmakers plan spring work by video

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois lawmakers will begin their spring session working remotely because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Senate announced Tuesday that its members will convene in committees by video conference on the days it was scheduled to be in session this month, Feb. 9-11 and 16-18. The House had scheduled nine work days this month but has settled on only one in which members can arrange for remote work.

The pandemic has severely limited legislative action since early last March when transmission of the virus picked up speed, forcing the Legislature to cancel most of its time in Springfield. Faced with a May 31 scheduled adjournment, the Legislature met for four days in late May to adopt a budget for the fiscal year that began July 1.

The brief meeting also generated legislation in the Senate to allow for lawmakers to work remotely, but it failed to get support in the House. The Senate then adopted a rule permitting virtual meetings.

"The early part of any new session is dominated by committee action," said John Patterson, spokesman for Senate

President Don Harmon, an Oak Park Democrat. "Given the ongoing pandemic, it makes sense to utilize the Senate's remote committee meeting authority to continue doing the work of the people."

Video of committee action will be available on the Illinois General Assembly's website.

There was no immediate response from Gov. J.B. Pritzker's office about how he will handle the annual State of the State address and his presentation of an annual budget, each typically given on separate dates to joint sessions of the General Assembly, but both scheduled this year for Feb. 17.

The House, whose calendar initially included work days this week as well as during the next two, will meet Feb. 10 to adopt rules for the new, two-year session which began last month. House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, a Hillside Democrat, plans to include a rule that allows for remote legislating, said his spokesman, Sean Anderson.

That action will take place in the House chamber of the Capitol. But access to the floor will be limited, with representatives rotating in and out to cast votes, Anderson said.

Charleston City Council approves 2 bid awards in meeting Tuesday

By Corryn Brock
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The Charleston City Council approved two bid awards during its meeting Tuesday.

The first bid was for the resurfacing of University Drive from Lincoln to Hayes Avenue; Monroe Avenue from Division Street to 4th Street, and North 14th Street from Olive Street to the North City limits.

The bid was given to the lowest bidder, Ne-Co Asphalt from Charleston, who had a bid of \$231,531.45. The funds for the project are included in the budget for fiscal year 2021.

The council also approved a bid for tub grinding of landscape waste.

Mayor Brandon Combs said the bid was lower than the original estimate given for the project.

Two bids were received for the project when bid letting was held Jan. 22.

One bid of \$35,400 came from R & R Services of Illinois, Inc. in Argenta, Illinois and the other came from Agricycle, Inc. of Valley Park, Missouri with a bid of \$28,950.

The council approved the bid from R & R Services of Illinois, Inc. As they were the lowest bidder that met the bid specifications for the

project.

Combs said the company received the bid in 2020 as well and that he was satisfied with their work.

The council also approved a contract with Variety Attractions, Inc. Red, White and Blue Days.

Red, White and Blue Days is an event held every summer in Charleston in conjunction with the Fourth of July.

The contract is for a performance from TUSK-The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute. The band that will perform will cost the city \$7,500.

The band will play on July 3 at 8 p.m.

The show will be free to the public and held at Morton Park.

The council will also vote on an intergovernmental agreement with the city of Taylorville for ambulance billing services.

According to the resolution, "the billing software and procedures utilized by the City of Charleston has sufficient capacity to handle the billing needs of the City of Charleston and the billing needs of the City of Taylorville... the City of Taylorville would benefit from utilization of the City of Charleston utilizing its billing services for the purposes of fire department billing for

the City of Taylorville."

The contract will be in effect from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2025.

Taylorville will pay \$35 per claim and would be billed monthly for claims.

Combs said the local government for Taylorville would be voting on the same contract at their meeting Tuesday night.

The local state of emergency was continued.

The emergency is the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the resolution, the pandemic is of "sufficient severity and magnitude that it may result in or threaten the death or illness of persons to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Charleston, and thereby it has warranted an emergency declaration for all states and local government entities and more specifically within the corporate limits of the City of Charleston."

The council went into an executive session following the regular meeting to review minutes of all closed session meetings.

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AP: Biden, Yellen say GOP virus aid too small, Dems push on

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden panned a Republican alternative to his \$1.9 trillion COVID rescue plan as insufficient Tuesday as Senate Democrats pushed ahead, voting to launch a process that could approve his sweeping rescue package on their own, if Republicans refuse to support it.

Biden and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen joined the Democratic senators for a private virtual meeting, both declaring the Republicans' \$618 billion offer was too small. They urged big fast action to stem the pandemic crisis and economic fallout.

As the White House reaches for a bipartisan bill, Democrats marshaled their ever-slim Senate majority, voting 50-49, to start a lengthy process for approving Biden's bill with or without GOP support. The goal is passage by March.

"President Biden spoke about the need for Congress to respond boldly and quickly," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said after the lunch meeting.

"If we did a package that small, we'd be mired in the COVID crisis for years."

The swift action from Democrats on Capitol Hill underscores the urgency of delivering Biden's top legislative priority even as talks are progressing private-

ly between Republicans and the White House, as well as with centrist Democrats, on potential changes to the package to win over broader bipartisan support.

Biden framed his views during the virtual lunch meeting with Democrats by talking about the need not to forget working and middle-class families — even those like nurses and pipefitters making \$150,000 for a family of four — who are straining during the crisis, according to a person granted anonymity to discuss the private call.

The night before, Biden met with 10 Republican senators pitching their \$618 billion alternative, and let them know it was insufficient to meet the country's needs. The president made it clear that he won't delay aid in hopes of winning GOP support.

While no compromise was reached during the late Monday session, White House talks with Republicans are privately underway.

The outcome will test the new president striving to unify the country but confronting a rising COVID death toll and stubbornly high jobless numbers, with political risks for all sides. Vaccine distributions, direct \$1,400 payments to households, school reopenings and business aid are all on the line.

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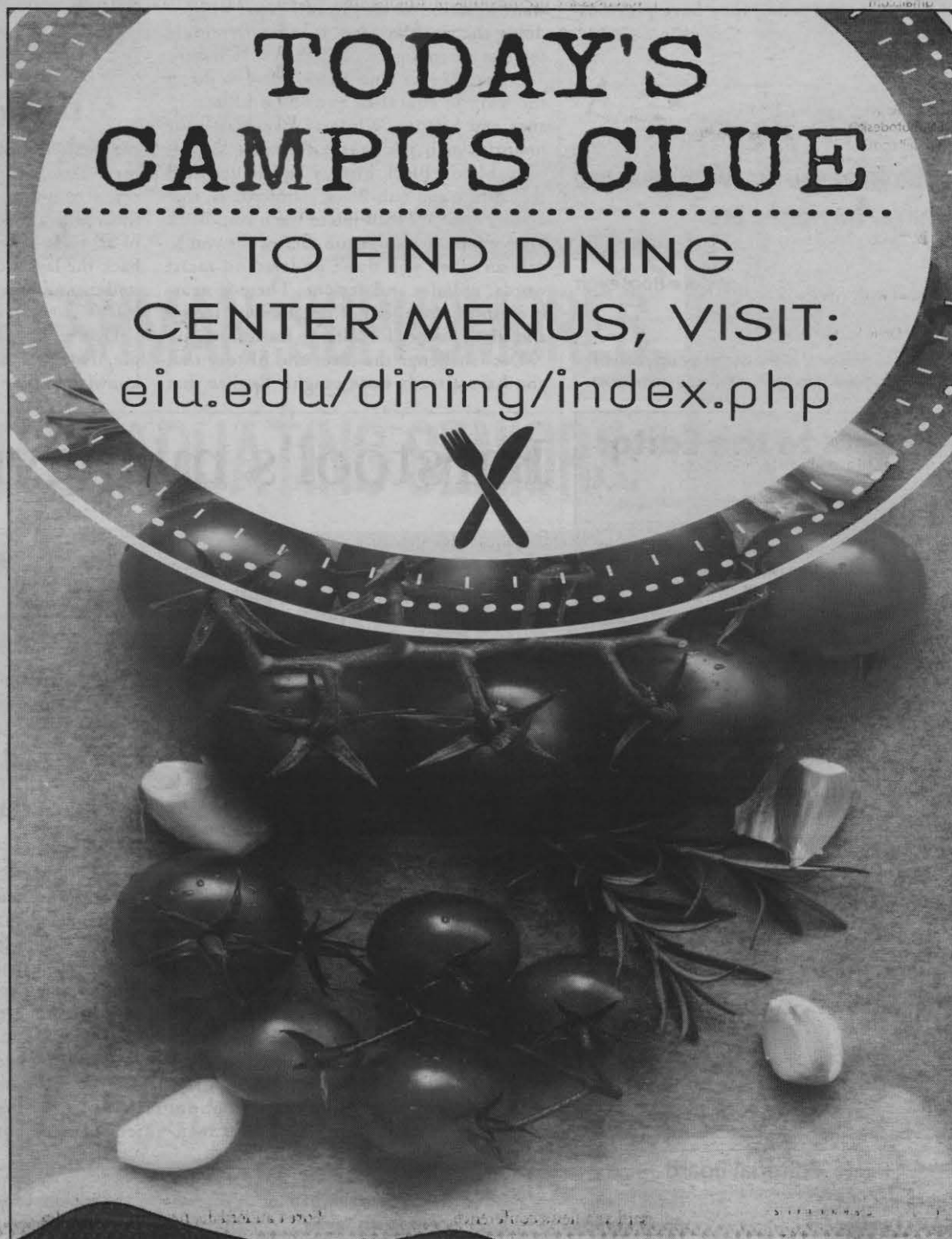
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Flying BLM flag again a good thing for Eastern

Eastern recently put the Black Lives Matter flag up for the second time on its recently introduced We Are EIU flagpole.

The first time the flagpole was used was to fly the Black Lives Matter flag. This came after a nearly two-year long effort from two students to have the flag flown.

The students' original goal was to have the flag flown during Black History Month.

We at The Daily Eastern News believe having this flag displayed will be a good step for Eastern after years of Black students feeling uncomfortable on campus, facing discrimination on and off campus and being overlooked by administration.

Eastern has been taking initiative in many ways this academic year to have conversations about racism and how to support Black students and faculty on campus and we need more of this.

Eastern needs to not use a piece of fabric to display its support for its Black students, but focus on having those tough conversations regarding the difficulties and disadvantages those students have experienced and continue to experience.

This Black History Month comes in a time of great recognition about the issues people of color face in this country and we hope Eastern takes this month to dive deeper into the issues they have previously avoided.

Quote of the Day:

"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

Theodore Roosevelt

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BY ZACH BERGER

Some dos and don'ts of being an ally

In honor of Black History Month, I've compiled a short list of Dos and Don'ts for the people who consider themselves allies of the Black community. I've noticed (especially in the past year) that many allies - specifically white ones - call themselves allies without any meaning behind it. Many do so because they want to seem like they're anti-racist without doing the work to prove it. This list should serve as a stepping stone into a true allyship.

Don't: Expect your Black peers to do all the work in educating yourself on Black issues and history. While an overwhelming majority of Black people are more knowledgeable on Black history and issues than their white and non-Black counterparts, that doesn't mean it's their job to teach you. Black people are not experts on racism for you to call on when you don't understand racist words, policies and actions. There is nearly an infinite amount of resources on racism and Black history for allies to learn from.

Do: Challenge the ideas and history that you have already been taught. Realize that



Destiny Blanchard

the version of Black history taught in American schools is often watered down and altered to be more palatable to the ears of those who think this country is the greatest of all time. The moment you start peeling back the layers of American history you can understand how truly shameful and painful it is.

Don't: Speak over or for Black people. There's a tendency for allies to use the knowledge they've acquired to speak on be-

half of Black people on issues they don't experience. There's a privilege that comes with being able to speak on racial issues while being a white person, and at the same time there's an unconscious bias that many don't make an effort to unlearn.

Do: Hold yourself and others accountable for racism. Racism isn't always blatantly displayed, it's often covered up and comes out in whispers. More often than not white allies have been at the forefront of witnessing racism and have done nothing to combat it. Challenge the tendency to remain silent and call out those around you for perpetuating racist ideologies or stereotypes. People of color have done the majority of the work to combat racism on their own and are often chastised for it, do your part to alleviate the burden of racism by holding the people in your life accountable.

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Barstool's misogyny continues to show

Those familiar with sports media empire Barstool Sports may know that the company and misogyny intersect frequently.

Some of Barstool's top figures, including founder Dave Portnoy, often find themselves in the spotlight for the wrong reason.

The most recent Barstool figure to make sexist comments was Kevin Clancy, better known as KFC Barstool. A tweet from Clancy made Monday in the aftermath of the allegations of lewd and inappropriate behavior made against Angels pitching coach Mickey Callaway caught criticism online.

The tweet read: "No doubt in my mind this was a master plan to get Callaway out of Anaheim so they can try to make a monster offer to Bauer. Makes perfect sense now. Drop it on the heels of Porter and use it to get rid of the guy Bauer hates more than anyone."

Clancy is suggesting that the Angels orchestrated the allegations against Callaway so they could get rid of him and sign free agent pitcher Trevor Bauer, who does not get along with Callaway. The Porter men-



Adam Tumino

tioned is Jared Porter, who was hired as the New York Mets' general manager in December and was then fired a month later after it was revealed that he sent over 60 unsolicited texts to a female journalist, including photos of his penis.

Clancy eventually replied to his tweet, admitting that it was bad, but stopped short of an apology and did not remove the tweet.

Even if he had deleted the tweet the fact that he felt comfortable posting it in the first place is the problem. Whether he intended to or not, Clancy's tweet discredit-

ed the women who made allegations against Callaway by chalking the allegations up as some bizarre conspiracy theory.

No good could have possibly come from that tweet. If these allegations turn out to be some wild conspiracy to get Callaway fired, that would likely be unearthed during any investigation that takes place.

Immediately discrediting the women with seemingly little thought is a dangerous thing to do, especially for someone with a platform as sizeable as Clancy's.

It may discourage women from coming forward in the future, and that is something that needs to be avoided at all costs. As was the case with Porter, people in power need to be held accountable when they do wrong.

Luckily, Porter was fired and Callaway has been suspended pending an investigation into the allegations. But if any progress is to be made in the world of sports, people who come forward must not be discredited.

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EIU Adventure held Monday

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Eastern Illinois University's Civic Engagement and Volunteerism Office hosted their EIU Adventure yesterday.

This is the second annual year that the CEVO has been doing this special event with the students of EIU. According to Beth Gillespie, director of CEVO, it started in fall 2019.

EIU Adventure is an event where students participate in scavenger hunts to find clues around campus.

Students had to find the clues in a certain time frame and take selfies of themselves at the adventure locations on campus. Due to bad weather conditions, this year's adventure was strictly online.

"With the weather, who knew what February 2nd would look like.... we decided to move it online for today's event," Gillespie said.

This adventure was based on Groundhog's Day, so all of the games and challenges were focused on groundhogs' attributes.

"They will have to take a picture of themselves with or without a shadow. Another challenge is that they are going to have to find something in their living space that represents their favorite season," Gillespie said. "And there is going to be a challenge to replicate what a groundhog sounds like. And the very last challenge is we

found an online puzzle that has 15 pieces and they will put that together and all challenges, once they are done, will be posted to their stories."

When talking to Gillespie and Crystal Brown, assistant director of CEVO they were glad to do this event, especially due to the current pandemic that everyone is in. They also felt as if this special event is a great way for people to have fun and enjoy themselves.

"We are excited to find and give people something to do, but do it in a safe way," Brown said. "It's just exciting to do a new program to engage our students that they seem to enjoy."

"I am most excited to hear people's replication of what a groundhog sounds like," Gillespie said.

The winner of the adventure challenges will receive 25 EIU Dining Dollars that they can use when eating at the campus dining halls.

As for upcoming EIU Adventures, there is one that will take place sometime in the month of April.

For more information on CEVO's EIU Adventure and other special events visit <https://www.eiu.edu/volunteer/assistantship.php>, call the CEVO office number 217-581-3967, or check out their social media platforms @EIUVolunteers.

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Eastern Student Senate to meet in person Wednesday evening

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The Student Senate will meet in person this Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Student Union.

This is the first in person meeting for Student Senate since last school year, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is still an option for members to attend the meeting via Zoom by contacting Interim Speaker Justin Richards.

At the in-person meeting there will be a guest speaker to address the possible

change of Eastern's grading system as was briefly discussed last semester by the Student Senate.

Leading this discussion will be Dr. Donald Holly, a professor of anthropology at Eastern and Chairperson of the Faculty Senate.

This 20-minute discussion will be a presentation on the possibility of changing over to a plus/minus Grading System.

Following this presentation, it is set on the consent agenda the appointment of two people to the Student Dean Advisory Council, Ashley Bartley and Carey Hendrix. If quorum is met at this meet-

ing, nominations for Speaker of the Student Senate will also begin.

There will be a final discussion on speaker nominees and a vote, which must contain majority of 50 percent plus one for the vote to carry and if nominated the Speaker will begin their role immediately.

In usual fashion executive reports will be given by the executive board of Student Senate. Committee reports will not be given this meeting. The next Student Senate meeting will be held Feb. 10.

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hall's name.

The department has written letters to University President David Glassman and to The Daily Eastern News expressing their support for a name change.

Wetstein and Elder agreed that it would be difficult for Elder to remain objective in the matter with her supporting a name change.

Elder recommended Burns replace her to represent the Council of Chairs in the meeting.

Wetstein also discussed the constituencies that need to be focused on in data collection.

He mentioned that some student groups will need to be represented in data collection including the Black Student Union, the Latin American Student

Organization, the Residence Hall Association, Douglas Hall residents and Student Government.

"These are particular student subgroups that we think will have a vested interest in weighing in or at least sharing their thoughts or giving the committee some feedback about the Douglas Hall name," Wetstein said.

He also said that faculty, staff, alumni and the Annuitants Association should be included in the discussion, as well as residents of Charleston and Coles County as a whole.

Wetstein also mentioned the possibility of prospective students being a constituency.

"That would be one we would want to be really careful with because I'm sure

our colleagues in Enrollment Management would not want us to be interacting with prospective students in a way that might complicate their choice of EIU for their college of education," Wetstein said.

He said that it is likely that the Naming Committee will have a recommendation near the end of the Spring semester.

Those interested in giving public comment can do so by contacting Ken Wetstein, Vice President for University Advancement and the committee's ex officio convener, at 581-5129 or at kwetstein@eiu.edu.

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Angels suspend Callaway after behavior allegations

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Pitching coach Mickey Callaway was suspended by the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday after allegations of inappropriate behavior toward several women who work in sports media.

The Angels announced their decision a day after the allegations against the former New York Mets manager appeared in a report by The Athletic.

The team “will work closely with MLB to conduct a full investigation,” Angels spokesperson Marie Garvey said.

A person with knowledge of the Angels’ decision to suspend Callaway says the coach has denied wrongdoing, which means he can’t be fired for cause under California labor law without a full investigation of the allegations against him. The investigation by the Angels and Major League Baseball will begin swiftly, and could be completed this month.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because MLB isn’t making details of the investigation public.

Callaway joined the Angels in October 2019, three weeks after he was fired by the Mets following two years in charge. Before that, the former major league pitcher spent five seasons as the Cleveland Indians’ pitching coach.

The five women who spoke to The Athletic on condition of anonymity gave detailed accounts of multiple instances of aggressive, inappropriate acts by Callaway over five years while he was employed by three teams.

Callaway sent uninvited and sometimes unanswered messages to the women via email, text or social media and asked one to send nude photos in return, according to the report. He often commented on their appearance in a way that made them uncomfortable and on one occasion “thrust his crotch near the face of a reporter” while she interviewed him.

Another time, he told one of the

women he’d share information about the Mets if she got drunk with him, the report said. More than one woman received a shirtless selfie or several from him, and one said he massaged her shoulders in the dugout when he thought nobody was watching, according to the report.

Two of the women said they had been warned about Callaway’s behavior by fellow media members and others in baseball, The Athletic said.

The report came two weeks after ESPN detailed sexually explicit, uninvited text messages and images sent by former Mets general manager Jared Porter to a female reporter in 2016 when he was working for the Chicago Cubs in their front office. Porter was fired by the Mets the following morning, and Major League Baseball planned to investigate him.

Mets President Sandy Alderson, who hired Porter, was GM of the team when Callaway was hired.

Arenado embraces playing for perennial contender in Cards

DENVER (AP) — Nolan Arenado hasn’t expressed this much optimism since signing his \$260 million contract with Colorado two years ago.

“Excited” was the term the slugger, slick-fielding third baseman used about a dozen times Tuesday at his introductory news conference following his blockbuster trade from the Rockies to the St. Louis Cardinals.

Excited to join a team that’s always in the playoff picture. Excited to join an organization with such rich history.

Left unsaid but just underneath the surface: Excited to flee a franchise that posted just two winning records in his eight years in Denver and that never advanced beyond the NL Division Series.

The eight-time Gold Glove win-

ner and five-time All-Star forced his way out of Colorado by steadfastly sticking to a request to be traded. He’ll be suiting up for a Cardinals team thinking about an NL Central title and more, while the Rockies are looking at some variation of a rebuild in front of a frustrated fanbase.

“They really care about winning,” Arenado said of the Cardinals. “That’s all they talk about. It’s really awesome to be a part of. It’s a little different — we’re hopeful we can win the division title and it feels good knowing we have a chance to do that — a good chance.”

While the Cardinals have had 13 consecutive winning seasons with five division titles during the streak, the Rockies have had nine winning seasons since their inaugural campaign in 1993 — and have never won the NL West.

Globe-trotter Candace Parker returns home to play for Sky

CHICAGO (AP) — Candace Parker talked about seeing her grandmother hold up the newspaper during their call, thrilled she is coming home to play for the Chicago Sky.

She mentioned the Bears and

Bulls welcoming her in tweets, too. For a diehard fan of both teams growing up, that was pretty cool.

“I’m so excited to be home and I say that from the bottom of my heart,” Parker said during a Zoom conference Tuesday. “I didn’t realize

how amazing the Chicagoland area was with basketball in general until I went out in the world and I saw how truly special and how they really embrace their homegrown talent.”



Parker, a two-time WNBA MVP, agreed to sign with Chicago last

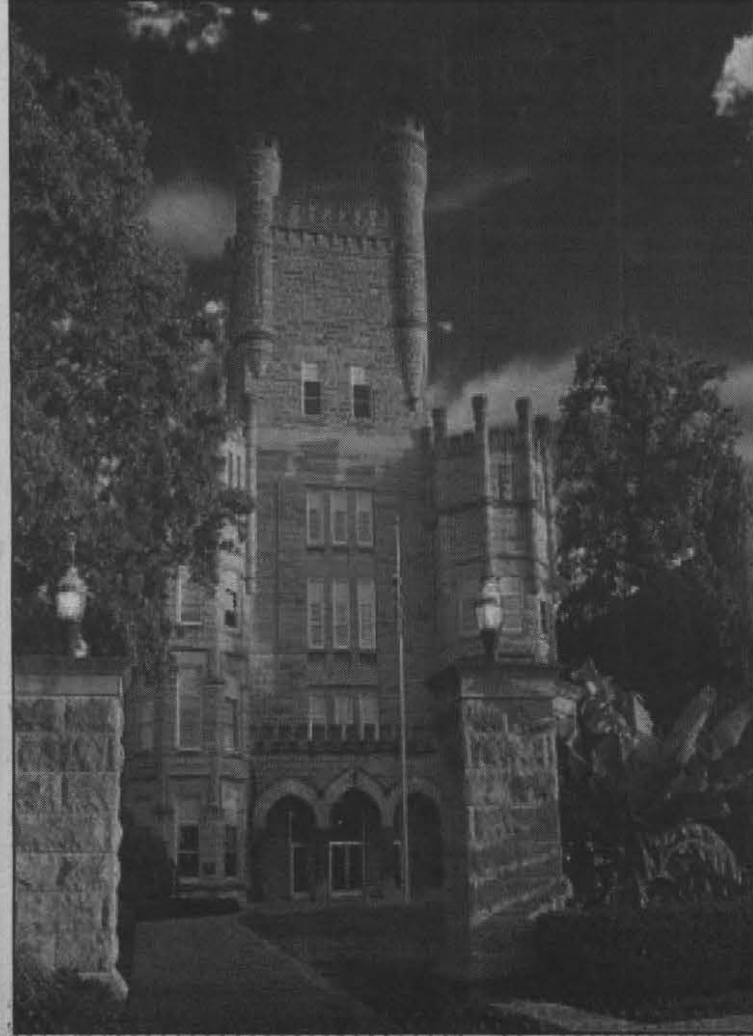
week and leave the Los Angeles Sparks after spending her first 13 seasons with them. The move was announced on Monday.


The Sky made the playoffs in 2020 for the second time in as many years under coach and general man-

ager James Wade. They already had a solid nucleus with guards Courtney Vandersloot and Allie Quigley, as well as rising star Diamond DeShields. Now, they’re adding a “generational talent” as well as a leader, Wade said.

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Panthers snap 8-game losing streak

By Adam Tumino
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The longest losing streak in eight years for the Eastern men's basketball team ended Tuesday night when the Panthers beat Southern Illinois-Edwardsville 70-61.

The win was Eastern's first since Jan. 7 and ended a streak of eight-straight losses, all against conference opponents.

Eastern is now 3-9 in conference play and sits in 10th place, while the Cougars fall to 4-4 in OVC play and are in sixth place.

Eastern's win came as the Panthers were still short-handed, having just eight players available for the game. This problem was exacerbated in the first two minutes of the game when Eastern's leading scorer, Josiah Wallace, went down with a left ankle injury.

Wallace rolled his ankle while driving to the basket and missed the rest of the game.

Despite his absence, the Panthers shot over 50 percent from the field and led the game for more than 27 minutes in total.

Neither team played very well in the first half, which ended with Eastern ahead 23-21. The Panthers going 8-of-24 from the field and the Cougars going 8-of-25.

The second half was much more fortuitous for the Panthers, who shot 16-of-23 and 7-of-10 from three-point range.

The Cougars shot better as well, but not by much. They went 14-32



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Eastern guard Marvin Johnson sets up the Panthers' offense in a game against Eastern Kentucky Jan. 16 in Lantz Arena. Johnson led the team with 20 points, 8 assists and 7 rebounds.

in the field in the second half and struggled from three, shooting just 4-of-17 from beyond the arc.

Without Wallace, Eastern guard Marvin Johnson continued his heightened scoring, leading all players with 18 points while playing the maximum 40 minutes. He also flirted with a triple-double, recording

10 rebounds and 8 assists, both of which also led the team.

Senior forward Jordan Skipper-Brown had an efficient shooting night, going 6-of-8 from the field and scoring 15 points. Also scoring in double figures was senior guard Kashawn Charles.

Charles scored 16 points while

shooting 5-of-9 from the field, with all the shot attempts being three pointers.

The Cougars also had three players score in double figures, led by Shamar Wright with 13.

Eastern now returns home to Lantz Arena to play first-place Belmont Thursday and last-place Ten-

nessee State Saturday.

The Bruins are 12-0 in conference play this season and beat Eastern 79-66 back on Jan. 21.

Tennessee State also beat the Panthers on Jan. 23 by a score of 65-54.

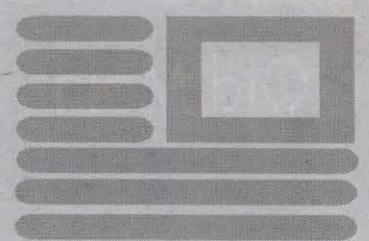
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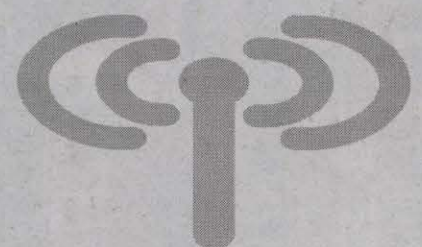
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